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## PRESS RELEASE

### REMINDER OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITY

It is that time of year when the temps are starting to drop below freezing and the weather reports remind us that winter is on its way! Winter can be a difficult time for pedestrians using sidewalks and paths to safely access transit, schools, work, and maintain an active lifestyle. The Rochester Public Works Department wants to remind all property owners to keep sidewalks and paths accessible this winter by removing snow and ice from them. We can all do our part this winter to contribute to a safe and mobile pedestrian environment in Rochester.



**Non-compliant sidewalk**



**Compliant sidewalk**

The best way for a property owner to avoid a citation and service costs is to remove snow and ice from their sidewalk and path as stated in Rochester City Ordinance 72.02, which requires property owners with a public sidewalk to remove snow and ice within 24-hours after a snowfall.

Pedestrian facilities that receive complaints and found to be non-compliant will receive an administrative fine and bill for cost to remove snow and ice.

For more information about the ordinance and enforcement program:  
<http://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/publicworks/snow/index.asp>

***Remember that when snow is here, you have 24-hours to clear.***